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SUBJ: JUNTA MEMBER COMMENTS ON MEXICO

1. FOLLOWING A CEREMONY HONORING THE JUNTA AT THE MILITARY ACADEMY ON DEC 11, I GREETED GENERAL LEIGH, JUNTA MEMBER AND CHILEAN AIR FORCE CINC, AND JOINED A GROUP OF TWO OR THREE OTHER GUESTS WITH WHOM HE WAS CHATTING.

2. IN THE COURSE OF HIS REMARKS, GENERAL LEIGH SAID HE FOUND IT VERY INTERESTING THAT THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED A VERY SERIOUS WARNING FROM THE MEXICAN ARMED FORCES THAT THEY WILL NOT STAND IDLY BY WHILE THE GOVERNMENT LEADS THE COUNTRY TO SOCIALISM.

3. COMMENT: LEIGH MADE THIS STATEMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF HIS COMPLAINT ABOUT THE ABSOLUTE CALM WITH WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAD WITNESSED CASTRO'S MORE THAN 5,000 SUMMARY EXECUTIONS WITHOUT BENEFIT OF TRIAL. HE CONTRASTED THIS IMPASSIVITY WITH THE OUTRAGE EXPRESSED AT THE ACTION OF THE CHILEAN JUNTA WHICH, ALL TOLD, HAD NOT PRODUCED MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND SEVENTY-ODD DEAD, INCLUDING THOSE FEW SENTENCED TO DEATH AFTER TRIAL BY PROPERLY CONSTITUTED MILITARY TRIBUNALS.

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SELF-JUSTIFICATION AND WISHFUL THINKING

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MOTIVATE LEIGHT'S COMMENT ABOUT MEXICO AS MUCH AS ANY HARD

INTELLIGENCE AVAILABLE TO GOC.  
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